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In re Application of

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. (amended) A device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the device includes a beam splitter (21) which splits a light beam (13) into at least two sub-beams (13.2; 13.3) that interfere with one another.

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments to claim 3 was made solely to avoid filing the claim in the multiple dependent form so as to avoid the